

# THE FALCON FLYER

February 22, 2010



Dear Floral Street Families,

We hope you enjoyed the February vacation with your children! We're looking forward to the coming weeks here at Floral Street and the opportunities for exciting learning opportunities that are ahead.

We'd like to take a minute to thank a few folks for their leadership of recent fundraisers. Our student council, led by Mrs. Spangenberg and Ms. Borraccino, raised over \$2,000 for Haiti relief funds, which will be directed through UNICEF. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Lowy then led a fundraiser to allow us to put a plaque in our gymnasium in memory of Mrs. Lane – that effort led to over \$900 that day, with more contributions having come in since. **We'd like to thank you for your efforts in support of both these, and for joining us in helping all our children learn the value of compassion, caring, and empathy.**

Sincerely,

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## **Important Notes:**

### **PTO General Meeting "MCAS -101"**

You may notice a new event on our calendar below – a PTO general meeting titled "MCAS 101." MCAS tests occupy a great deal of conversation, both in our school and in the larger, public discussions around education. Have you ever wondered what the MCAS was all about? Do you have questions you'd like to ask about the test – your child's experience taking them? How the results are used? Join our PTO, Principal Todd Curtis, and Assistant Principal Lisa McCubrey, as we address these questions and give you the opportunity to ask others on **Thursday, March 4th, from 7:00-8:00pm**. Childcare for school aged children will be provided.

### **School Committee to Host Information Session on Proposed Sherwood Building Project on Thursday, February 25th:**

The School Committee, along with Board of Selectmen Chair Moira Miller and Selectman John Lebeaux, will host an information session on the proposed new Sherwood Middle School building project on **Thursday, February 25, from 7:00-8:15pm at Sherwood Middle School**. Tours will be offered to information session attendees. The public is invited to attend to learn about the project in advance of the special town election on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Shrewsbury voters will decide whether to provide the town's share of funding for this project. If you have questions about the project, you may contact Erin Canzano, School Committee Chair, at

[ecanzano@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ecanzano@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) or 508-845-2034; Joe Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools, at [jsawyer@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jsawyer@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) or 508-841-8400; or Jane Lizotte, Principal of Sherwood Middle School, at [jlizotte@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jlizotte@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) or 508-841-8670. You may also find information on the School Department website at <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

### **Erasers and More**

In the weeks before vacation, we saw an increase in the number of toys and other items being brought to school, including the Japanese erasers that many students are currently collecting. Unfortunately, we also saw an increase in the number of instances of lost items or disputes over ownership. **We would ask that toys and other items such as this be left at home so as not to cause distractions in school,** and appreciate your support.

### **Literacy Night**

Planning is well underway for our annual Literacy Night, thanks to volunteer coordinators Denise Salmu and Brenda Buckley. Please see the flyer now posted on our website at:

[http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1264434106\\_14383\\_361145.pdf](http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1264434106_14383_361145.pdf)

**The Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

### **Important Dates:**

March 4	PTO General Meeting – “MCAS 101”
March 6	Breakfast with Some-Buddy Special
April 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Vacation – No School

### **MCAS Dates:**

March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Long Composition – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
March 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	ELA – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
March 31 <sup>st</sup> & April 1 <sup>st</sup>	ELA – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
May 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Math – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
May 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Math – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade

*Please check the FSS website for other important dates and the most recent updates!*